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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action dated October 10, 2001, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendment and consideration of the following remarks.

AMENDMENT

In the claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Cancel claim 1 without prejudice to filing in a later application.

2. (amended) The nonwoven web material of claim [1] 5 wherein the natural fiber bundles are cordage fibers.

3. (twice amended) The nonwoven web material of claim [1] 5 wherein the natural fiber bundles are selected from sisal, abaca, henequen, kenaf and jute.